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10           **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

11           **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

12           NATHANIEL BANKS, JR.,

13           Plaintiff,

14           Case No:

15           vs.

16           CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, a Governmental  
17           Body or Entity; CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC  
18           DEFENDER PHILIP J. KOHN, individually and  
19           also the AGENCY or OFFICE itself of CLARK  
20           COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER; TIERRA D.  
21           JONES, individually and as a Deputy Clark  
22           County Public Defender; LAS VEGAS JUSTICE  
23           COURT; CLARK COUNTY DETENTION  
24           CENTER; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-10; ROE  
25           ENTITIES 1-10 and ROE INSTITUTIONS and  
26           AGENCIES 11-20,

27           Defendants.

28           **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

29           TO: THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

30           Petitioner, Clark County Detention Center (“CCDC”), by and through its attorneys of  
31           record, Craig R. Anderson, Esq., of the law firm of Marquis & Aurbach, notice the removal of  
32           this action from the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada to the United States  
33           District Court for the District of Nevada and, in support thereof, state as follows:

34           1. CCDC is a Defendant in the above-entitled action commenced in the Eighth  
35           Judicial District Court, in and for the County of Clark, Case No. A-09-598480-C, Department  
36           No. XXIII, and is now pending in that Court.

37           2. Service of the Amended Summons and Amended Complaint was made on  
38           Petitioner CCDC on or about December 9, 2009. Copies of the Amended Summons and

Amended Complaint are attached hereto as **Exhibits A & B**.

3. No further proceedings have been had in this matter in the Eighth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada.

4. The Amended Complaint alleges that Defendant CCDC violated Plaintiff's civil rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983 and 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §1343.

5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, Defendant CCDC is therefore entitled to remove this action to this court.

6. Thirty days have not elapsed since Defendant CCDC was served with the Amended Summons and Amended Complaint in this action. Copies of the Amended Summons and Amended Complaint are attached hereto as **Exhibits A and B**, constituting all of the papers and pleadings served on Defendant CCDC.

7. All named Defendants seek removal of this matter.

8. A true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal is being filed this date with the Clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada.

9. Based on the foregoing, Defendant CCDC removes the action now pending in the Eighth Judicial Court of Nevada, in and for the County of Clark, as Case No. A-09-598480-C to this Court.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on the 12 day of December, 2009, I served a copy of the foregoing  
**NOTICE OF REMOVAL** upon each of the parties by depositing a copy of the same in a sealed  
envelope in the United States Mail, Las Vegas, Nevada, First-Class Postage fully prepaid, and  
addressed to:

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and that there is a regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and the place(s) so addressed.

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## **EXHIBIT A**

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6 DISTRICT COURT  
7 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

8 NATHANIEL BANKS, JR., ) Case No.: A09598480C  
9 Plaintiff, ) Dept. No.: XXIII  
10 vs. ) AMENDED COMPLAINT  
11 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, a )  
12 Governmental Body or Entity; )  
13 CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER )  
14 PHILIP J. KOHN, Individually and also ) Arbitration Exempt: Action  
15 the AGENCY or OFFICE itself of ) Presents Significant Issues of  
16 CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER; ) Public Policy; Action with Unusual  
TIERRA D. JONES, Individually and as a ) Circumstances Providing Good  
Deputy Clark County Public Defender; ) Cause for Removal  
LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT;  
CLARK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER;  
Doe Individuals or Administrators 1-10,  
Roe Entities 1-10,  
Roe Institutions and Agencies 11-20,  
Defendants.

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18 Plaintiff NATHANIEL BANKS, JR. ("Plaintiff" or "Banks"), as and for his amended  
19 Complaint to the original Complaint filed herein on or about September 2, 2009, alleges and  
20 claims as follows:

21 1. Plaintiff Banks is and was at all material times a college graduate, a U.S. Citizen, a  
22 former employee of the United States government who had a high-level security clearance when  
23 he left such employment, and a male African-American. Until the events complained of herein,  
24 he had no criminal record.

25 2. Upon information and belief, on or about Sept. 3, 2007, there had essentially been  
26 a verbal exchange between Plaintiff and an individual female named America Owens  
27 (hereinafter, the "encounter"). While Owens apparently took personal offense from the verbal  
28 encounter, she was not at all physically injured or put in any danger by Plaintiff.

1           3. Upon information and belief, the encounter between Plaintiff and Owens had taken  
2 place in a parking area on the property of the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas (the  
3 "Tropicana"), where Owens worked.

4           4. Upon information and belief, there then occurred communications between Owens  
5 and one or more Tropicana security personnel concerning Plaintiff.

6           5. Upon information and belief, subsequent communications between Owens and/or  
7 Tropicana security personnel, on the one hand, and one or more officers from of Las Vegas  
8 Metropolitan Police Dept. ("LVMPD"), on the other hand, resulted in criminal allegations  
9 against Plaintiff.

10          6. On or about September 3, 2007, Plaintiff was physically arrested by officers of  
11 LVMPD and was jailed for supposedly having committed the felony crime of attempted first  
12 degree kidnaping against Owens.

13          7. Plaintiff Banks did not actually commit the alleged acts, as Owens would later testify  
14 in the preliminary hearing.

15          8. Even though employees of the Tropicana were apparently involved in causing the  
16 initial arrest of the Plaintiff, based on communications from certain out-of-state bankruptcy  
17 attorneys (threatening to seek sanctions from bankruptcy court), apparently at the urging of  
18 counsel for the Tropicana, such entities previously filed bankruptcy (elsewhere) so that any  
19 potential or alternative claim herein against them for malicious prosecution (or any related  
20 claim) could not go forward in this action. Nevertheless, as to be more fully addressed, most  
21 of the claims set forth herein and the damages incurred actually happened to Plaintiff during  
22 and after he appeared in Justice Court and as a result of conduct by others.

23          9. At the preliminary hearing before the Las Vegas Justice Court, which took place on  
24 or about September 13, 2007, Owens testified under oath in a manner contrary to the version  
25 of events that was set forth in the Declaration of Arrest and contrary to the alleged grounds for  
26 arresting Plaintiff Banks.

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1           10. As a result of the testimony of Owens (the only testifying witness) at the  
2 preliminary hearing, the felony charges would be dismissed out of necessity, however injustices  
3 to Plaintiff and violations of his rights took place as alleged hereinafter.

4           11. Instead of just dismissing the charges and releasing Banks based on the  
5 (exculpatory) testimony of Owens, Las Vegas Justice Court Judge Ann Zimmerman called a  
6 conference in her chambers between herself, the prosecutor, deputy district attorney M.  
7 Staudaher, and Plaintiff's appointed attorney, Defendant Tierra Jones from the Public  
8 Defender's office, which conference was off-the-record and without Banks being present.

9           12. Based on what would next occur on-the-record, it is believed that at least a  
10 substantial part of what would next occur on-the-record had first been discussed and/or  
11 acquiesced in, if not planned, in such off-the-record conference in chambers.

12           13. At this point in time, it was still only a preliminary hearing which was supposed to  
13 have determined sufficiency of evidence to have a trial on the felony charge of attempted first  
14 degree kidnaping, and there was not sufficient evidence because the alleged victim had  
15 essentially denied under oath that there had been an attempt to kidnap her. Thus, Plaintiff  
16 Banks had actually prevailed at this preliminary hearing from an evidentiary standpoint and was  
17 entitled to have the felony charges dismissed.

18           14. Back in court on-the-record at this preliminary hearing, Defendant Jones first made  
19 a motion to dismiss the charge of the attempted first-degree kidnaping, which motion was not  
20 directly opposed.

21           15. The prosecutor, in response, however, immediately moved that the charges be  
22 changed to misdemeanor harassment (instead of attempted first degree kidnaping), and *at the same time*  
23 unjustly asked that the Justice Court impose a six-month sentence. Thus, the  
24 prosecutor spoke *as if* Banks had already been tried and found guilty of misdemeanor  
25 harassment, when that had not actually occurred.

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1           16. Apparently following the lead of the prosecutor, and with no contrary voice  
2 asserted in the courtroom, the Justice Court Judge started to determine sentencing of Banks  
3 based on a charge of misdemeanor harassment, *as if* he had already been found guilty, despite  
4 there having been no trial.

5           17. For Banks to have been facing sentencing for any crime at this point was, in and of  
6 itself, not just a violation of his rights but a violation of clear and fundamental rights on multiple  
7 levels. *Had* this proceeding before the Justice Court actually been a trial instead of a  
8 preliminary hearing, it would have violated Banks' rights for the Judge to permit the addition  
9 of a new charge after the presentation of the evidence in the trial was complete. A criminal  
10 defendant is not required to prepare a defense to any possible new alleged offense that might  
11 be added or inserted at the whim of the prosecutor *after* the evidence has already been  
12 presented. Defendants are entitled to know what the charges are in advance of an actual trial.  
13 Here, the testimony of the only witness would have compelled an acquittal on the only charge  
14 that was actually at issue in the preliminary hearing in which she testified. *A fortiori*, the  
15 absence of a trial made it a compound violation of the rights of Banks. Banks had prevailed on  
16 the sole issue that was procedurally before the Justice Court in the preliminary hearing. Under  
17 the law, he did not need to testify or do anything else to defend at that proceeding.

18           18. Moreover, it was erroneous to base any purported conviction, even for misdemeanor  
19 harassment, solely on the testimony given by Owens at a preliminary hearing. Banks had not  
20 testified because there had been no need for it at this type of hearing. Furthermore, had it  
21 actually been a trial, there was certainly the prospect that Owens might have been significantly  
22 impeached even as to what she did say about the encounter with Banks. After all, (according  
23 to LVMPD) Owens had previously given a different version of events.

24           19. Despite clear violations of fundamental rights of Plaintiff Banks that any reasonably  
25 competent public defender attorney would have known or should have known were  
26 objectionable, Defendant Tierra Jones asserted no objections, failed to request a trial and

1 otherwise failed to alert the Justice Court Judge that a due process denial was unfolding. She  
2 also made no apparent effort to consult with Banks about his rights to defend against the  
3 amended charge of misdemeanor harassment at a trial, or about anything else of importance at  
4 that moment.

5 20. On the subject of sentencing, it was revealed in Court that Banks had no criminal  
6 record whatsoever. Upon information and belief, this revelation was a surprise to all concerned  
7 apparently due to erroneous pre-judgments made about Banks based on his being an African-  
8 American male.

9 21. Nevertheless, the Justice Court Judge still abided by the prosecutor's request and  
10 sentenced Banks to six-months imprisonment, apparently with no effort to even seek any  
11 recommendations from the Department of Parole & Probation concerning sentencing. In doing  
12 so, she voiced an absurd rationale: "that's absolutely no way to attempt to speak to a lady."  
13 The violations of the rights of Banks were therefore compounded by a harsh sentence, despite  
14 his having no criminal record, based on Banks allegedly using bad manners toward a female.

15 22. Furthermore, upon information and belief, in any present day metropolitan  
16 community, let alone in Las Vegas with its promotion of an adult playground, countless verbal  
17 exchanges occur between people of the opposite sex resulting in someone being offended, but  
18 such incidents don't result in any charges being brought, let alone in a conviction for  
19 misdemeanor harassment with a six months sentence. Indeed, upon information and belief, the  
20 charge of harassment was not even designed or intended for fleeting, one-time verbal  
21 encounters, but was unjustly and unconstitutionally used here as a supposed ground to deal with  
22 Banks.

23 23. Defendant Jones failed to assert any objections to these events or to otherwise  
24 attempt to enlighten the Justice Court Judge as to the violations. Defendant Jones instead  
25 joined in the discussion of sentencing and otherwise dealt with the actions of the Justice Court  
26 Judge essentially as if this was all "business-as-usual". Consequently, the Justice Court Judge  
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1 was never even made to face, on-the-record, that her treatment of Banks was unjust and violated  
2 his due process rights. Thus, whether intending to do so or not, Defendant Jones actually  
3 helped bring about the fundamental violations of the rights of Banks and unjust treatment that  
4 he received.

5 24. To what extent that these unfolding events were discussed off-the-record in  
6 chambers is not yet known (and is not critical to the overall outcome of this case), but the fact  
7 is that such conference was apparently called in reaction to Owens testifying that Banks did not  
8 attempt to kidnap her as alleged, and then the violations of due process immediately followed  
9 such conference in chambers with Defendant Jones present.

10 25. Upon information and belief, the efforts of at least the prosecutor in seeking to  
11 deprive Banks of his right to a trial and in seeking to have him sentenced to jail or prison for  
12 such a dubious misdemeanor offense, and to also do so despite the dubious credibility of the  
13 only witness heard at the preliminary hearing (Owens), was motivated, at least in substantial  
14 part, based on discrimination because Banks is an African-American male and, on such basis,  
15 was simply targeted for some substantial punishment and/or was viewed as not deserving of a  
16 trial. Upon information and belief, such injustices toward Banks were also, or alternatively,  
17 planned, permitted, carried out and/or acquiesced in as a result of incompetence, negligence,  
18 and/or reckless disregard of rights, or a combination of any of any or all of such foregoing  
19 reasons.

20 26. Upon information and belief, at no time did Defendant Jones or any other  
21 representative of the Defendant Office of the Public Defender, or Defendant Public Defender  
22 Philip Kohn, seek to do anything to either correct or appeal the erroneous purported conviction  
23 and sentencing of Banks, without a trial, even though there was sufficient reason to do so, as  
24 previously alleged.

25 27. As a result of the foregoing injustices and failures, Banks was not only deprived of  
26 his rights which is itself compensable, but was imprisoned at Defendant Clark County Detention  
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1 Center (“CCDC”) to start serving his six-month sentence (less time served). At CCDC, he was  
2 forced to endure miserable, demeaning, stressful, threatening, overcrowded and humiliating  
3 conditions, in proximity with real criminals. Having never been previously convicted of a  
4 crime before, the confinement at CCDC was especially horrific for Banks and will likely have  
5 a life-time effect upon him. He has had to battle depression, as well as intense anxiety, despair  
6 and frustration over the treatment and injustices he was forced to endure.

7       28. Upon information and belief, the Defendant Las Vegas Justice Court itself should  
8 not have entered or maintained on its records, or communicated to any other agencies or  
9 authorities or information data bases, that Banks had actually been convicted of any charge  
10 when there had never been a trial, nor even the scheduling of a trial, nor any plea agreement  
11 whatsoever. Furthermore, there should have been some system or administrator in place to  
12 have detected that Plaintiff Banks should not be treated as if convicted when there had never  
13 been a trial, nor scheduling of a trial, nor any plea agreement whatsoever, and Plaintiff Banks  
14 should have been set free or at least received a fair trial.

15       29. Upon information and belief, Defendant CCDC had no right to confine Banks and  
16 should not have treated Banks as if he had actually been tried and convicted, in further of the  
17 violation of his rights. At the very least, the overall criminal justice system operated by  
18 Defendant Clark County, Nevada should have had fail-safe means in place, either in the Justice  
19 Court, CCDC administration, or otherwise within the administration of Clark County, Nevada  
20 to absolutely prevent what happened to Plaintiff Banks, in having been treated as convicted and  
21 imprisoned, without ever receiving a trial.

22       30. Banks was later forcibly transferred to a different prison facility near Pioche  
23 Nevada, for further confinement and loss of liberty. After Banks honorably served a significant  
24 part of his sentence, because of his good behavior, he was moved to the house arrest program  
25 until eventually released from any further confinement. Nevertheless, he still continued to  
26 unjustly suffer his loss of liberty, as well as other alleged injuries and damages.

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1           31. As one damaging result of the foregoing events, the previously unblemished record  
2 of Banks has shown a conviction and jail time so that his reputation has been permanently  
3 tarnished. This erroneous confinement also caused Banks to not be able to earn any income  
4 for his entire period of confinement and also made a substantial negative impact on his potential  
5 employment opportunities thereafter. His prior high security clearance was also adversely  
6 impacted.

7           32. The identities and extent of involvement of the Defendants John Doe, Doe Individuals  
8 or Administrators 1-10, Roe Entities 1-10, and Roe Institutions and Agencies 11-20 are not yet fully  
9 known and may be individuals, officials, administrators, partnerships, corporations, government  
10 departments, institutions or other entities, offices or agencies. Each of them would also be  
11 responsible in some manner for acting as the principal, supervisor, superior, manager, agent,  
12 individual, co-conspirator, or co-participant, joint-tortfeasor, of or with any of the named  
13 Defendants, or would otherwise be legally responsible. They would also be responsible,  
14 directly or indirectly, for some or all of the harm and damages alleged, although their  
15 involvement, identities and relationships among one another are not yet sufficiently known.  
16 Plaintiff may request leave to amend the complaint to insert the true names of these fictitious  
17 Defendants, or any of them, if and when their identities, specific conduct and involvement,  
18 become more known.

19           33. Upon information and belief, prosecuting district attorney M. Staudaher and Las  
20 Vegas Justice Court Judge Ann Zimmerman, are understood to have absolute personal immunity  
21 under the applicable laws for their personal conduct in Las Vegas Justice Court pertaining to  
22 Plaintiff Banks. Nevertheless, the conduct itself could still have been negligent or wrongful  
23 (even if immunity applies), and other persons, agencies or organizations may still bear liability  
24 on alternative grounds alleged herein based on their relationship, responsibilities and/or  
25 involvement.

26           **Introduction to Counts Asserted:** Based on the foregoing allegations, and any  
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1 additional allegations that may follow, Plaintiff Banks sets forth alternative claims and causes  
2 of actions as hereinafter provided, reserving all rights to further amend or modify such  
3 allegations. Notwithstanding the labeling of the various counts herein, such labels are not to be  
4 construed as limiting or waiving any other potential theories of recovery. Plaintiff Banks  
5 reserves all rights to take full advantage of the rules of notice pleading and to rely upon any  
6 legal theory supported by the facts alleged or for which reasonable notice is otherwise  
7 sufficiently provided.

## First Count

### Negligence, Malpractice and/or Breach of Fiduciary Duty

10       34. Plaintiff Banks repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 33 set forth above and  
11 incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

12        35. At all material times, Defendants Tierra Jones worked for and was a representative  
13 of the Agency or Office of the Defendant Clark County Public Defender( “CCPD”) so that  
14 CCPD bears responsibility for her actions and inactions, along with Defendant Clark County,  
15 Nevada, which bears responsibility as well for any and all acts and omissions of Defendant  
16 Jones and of the CCPD office or agency. Defendants Tierra Jones, CCPD, and the head of the  
17 CCPD office or agency, Defendant Philip Kohn (collectively, the “Public Defender  
18 Defendants”), owed duties of due care regarding Plaintiff Banks and his rights and welfare and  
19 were obligated to make at least reasonable efforts to try to protect fundamental rights of Banks  
20 including (but not limited to) the basic right to a trial before being purportedly convicted or  
21 sentenced, and the right to not be discriminated against or treated unjustly.

22        36. The Public Defender Defendants also had fiduciary obligations to Banks. At a  
23 minimum, these included the obligations to represent him competently and loyally, to seek to  
24 protect his fundamental civil rights including (but not limited to) his right to receive a trial for  
25 the alleged offense of misdemeanor harassment and his right to not be sentenced or be deemed  
26 convicted without even having received a trial and also to not be discriminated against.

37. Plaintiff Banks relied upon the Public Defender Defendants with the justifiable

1 expectation that they would at least make reasonable attempts to protect his fundamental rights  
2 and would not participate in or acquiesce to a course of conduct whereby fundamental rights  
3 of Banks were violated. However, as also previously alleged, Defendant Jones, as the  
4 designated attorney for Banks during the preliminary hearing, not only failed to make  
5 appropriate objections to the improprieties taking place at the preliminary hearing in the Las  
6 Vegas Justice Court, apparently due to manipulating by the prosecuting deputy district attorney,  
7 but Defendant Jones appears from the record to have even cooperated and/or acquiesced in such  
8 conduct during the proceeding. She also failed to advise or consult with Banks. The Public  
9 Defender Defendants also failed to take any steps to try to correct the erroneous outcome of the  
10 proceedings or to appeal its erroneous purported conviction and sentencing.

11       38. The Public Defender Defendants made fundamental errors and omissions and they  
12 committed breaches of their obligations to Banks in their representation of Plaintiff Banks and  
13 thereby allowed and helped cause Banks to suffer violations of his clear and established rights,  
14 with resulting injuries and damages as alleged. These alleged events constituted such  
15 fundamental and clear deviations from basic criminal procedure and such violations of basic  
16 Constitutional rights that any reasonably competent attorney acting as a public defender should  
17 have known better and should not have permitted or participated in such events without  
18 asserting objections and then, if still necessary, taking steps to try to correct the travesty.

19       39. Upon information and belief, the Clark County Public Defender Phillip Kohn and  
20 his office or agency CCPD failed to properly train and supervise Defendant Jones and/or  
21 negligently assigned her to represent Banks at the proceeding she was not able to properly  
22 handle, and then failed to do anything to try to correct or appeal the wrongful proceedings.

23       40. Upon information and belief, the errors, omissions and breaches of obligations by  
24 the Public Defender Defendants proximately caused, participated in causing or substantially  
25 contributed to the alleged injuries and damages to Plaintiff Banks including, but not limited to,  
26 his being purportedly convicted without a trial, and thereafter confined, without due process,

1 and all of the alleged injuries and damages associated with such confinement, with a false  
2 record of conviction, and other alleged injuries and damages including pain and suffering,  
3 humiliation, embarrassment, emotional distress, mental distress, loss of income, and loss of  
4 liberty. Such damages are in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00. Accordingly, the Public  
5 Defender Defendants, as well as Clark County, Nevada, should be held liable therefor.

6 41. So too, upon information and belief, the Defendant Las Vegas Justice Court and  
7 the Defendant CCDC should be also held liable for all of the alleged damages, which were  
8 caused by their negligent and illegal treatment of Banks, and confinement of Plaintiff Banks  
9 by CCDC, *as if* he had been convicted and sentenced as a result of a trial, when he actually had  
10 received no trial. Accordingly, Defendant Clark County, Nevada, which operates the Las Vegas  
11 Justice Court, CCDC and CCPD, should also bear responsibility and liability for all such  
12 injuries and damages. Such injuries and damages, as previously alleged, are in an amount in  
13 excess of \$10,000.00.

14 **Second Count**

15 **Defamation, Invasion of Privacy and False Light**

16 42. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 41 set forth above and  
incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

17 43. Upon information and belief, as more fully set forth above, Defendant Las Vegas  
18 Justice Court entered and put forth a false and erroneous record that Banks was convicted of  
19 misdemeanor harassment when in fact he did not even receive a trial for such charges. Upon  
20 information and belief, such false and erroneous record and disbursement of information led to  
21 Banks being jailed, imprisoned, and put under house arrest, and it has permanently damaged  
22 his reputation injuring his future prospects in life and causing him mental anguish, distress, loss  
23 of income, and other injuries and damages as already alleged, in an amount in excess of  
24 \$10,000.00.

25 44. As a result of the foregoing, Defendants Las Vegas Justice Court and Clark County,  
26 Nevada, which operates it, should be held liable to Plaintiff for an amount in excess of  
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1 \$10,000.00 for defamation, invasion of privacy and false light, or on any other ground supported  
2 by the evidence.

### **Third Count False Imprisonment**

45. Plaintiff Banks repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 44 set forth above and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

8       46. During his confinement at Defendant CCDC and in prison near Pioche, Nevada,  
9       and during his forced transfers, and his house arrest as well, Banks suffered indignities,  
10      humiliation, confinement, mental distress, embarrassment, loss of liberty, pain and suffering,  
      and other injuries and damages. He was also unable to earn any income while in confinement.

12       47. Upon information and belief, based on the foregoing allegations, Defendants or  
13 any of them, are liable to Plaintiff for all injuries and damages caused by his false  
14 imprisonment, as more fully alleged above, based on his having been deprived of a trial and  
15 treated as if convicted and sentenced and forcibly confined without having had a trial as more  
fully set forth above, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.

## **Fourth Count Emotional Distress**

18       48. Plaintiff Banks repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 47 set forth above and  
19 incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

20       49. Based on the foregoing allegations, which includes extreme and outrageous conduct  
21 and treatment of Plaintiff Banks in violation of fundamental rights, some or all of the  
22 Defendants should be held liable to Plaintiff Banks for either intentional or negligent infliction  
23 of emotional distress which Plaintiff suffered in connection with or as a result of the  
24 proceedings in Las Vegas Justice Court and subsequent imprisonment and treatment related  
25 thereto, in an amount of injury and damages in excess of \$10,000.00.

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## Fifth Count Violation of Civil Rights and Conspiracy

50. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 49 set forth above and incorporates same by reference as though fully set forth herein.

5. Plaintiff Banks has, and had at all material times, protected rights pursuant to the  
United States Constitution and the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to  
the United States Constitution, and pursuant to statutory law including (but not necessarily  
limited to) 42 U.S.C. Sect. 1983 and 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331, 1343, as well as  
substantive/statutory due process rights applicable in the United States of America and in the  
State of Nevada. Among those rights are the rights to due process, the right to a fair trial, the  
right to liberty, to equal protection under the laws, the right against excessive or unreasonable  
punishment, and the right not to be prosecuted or treated unfairly based on race or sex.  
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13       52. As more fully alleged hereinabove, all those who participated in and administered  
14 or ratified the proceeding that was supposed to be a preliminary hearing for Plaintiff Banks in  
15 Las Vegas Justice Court, while acting under color of state law, caused and permitted Plaintiff  
16 Banks to suffer violations of his civil rights as alleged above, or ratified such events, including  
17 but not limited to, failure to receive due process or a fair trial before being purportedly  
18 convicted and sentenced to confinement, and being charged and harshly and unjustly sentenced  
19 for alleged conduct that should not have resulted in any charge, let alone any purported  
20 conviction or such harsh sentencing. Violations of Plaintiff's rights alone justifies a monetary  
21 award, however, as previously alleged, such conduct resulted in loss of liberty and significant  
22 other injuries and damages.

23       53. Upon information and belief, at least some of the violations of Plaintiff's rights were  
24 motivated and/or permitted at least in part because Plaintiff is an African-American male  
25 however Defendants would bear responsibility for any involvement in the violation of Plaintiff's  
26 civil rights regardless of any one individual's motives or cumulation of causal factors involved

54. Upon information that is available, it appears that Defendant Tierra Jones, while

1 acting as a representative of Defendant CCPD and employee of Defendant Clark County  
2 Nevada, conspired (even if passively) in an off-the-record discussion with others, while acting  
3 under color of state law, and then cooperated in and/or acquiesced in subsequent conduct taking  
4 place in a proceeding wherein Plaintiff's fundamental civil rights were violated as more fully  
5 alleged hereinabove, and then failed to attempt to correct or appeal the violations.

6        55. Based thereon, Defendant Jones, and any other named Defendants found to be  
7 responsible, directly or indirectly, or derivatively, for such violations of the rights of Plaintiff  
8 Banks should be held liable therefor and for all resulting damages, as previously alleged, in an  
9 amount in excess of \$10,000.00, plus attorney's fees, costs and interest.

## Sixth Count

### Attorneys Fees

Plaintiff Banks has already expended substantial sums for an experienced criminal defense attorney to assist in evaluating and seeking to settle this matter, which settlement efforts were to no avail, and Plaintiff Banks has had to retain legal counsel to prepare and pursue his claims. Plaintiff Banks is entitled to recover attorney's fees and expenses under the applicable civil rights law or otherwise.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00;
  2. For special damages for loss of income and other expenses incurred.
  3. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the preparation and prosecution of this action;
  4. For punitive or exemplary damages if and to the extent that any defendant were found to have engaged in conduct for which punitive or exemplary damages can be awarded
  5. For interest as permitted by law and costs of suit; and
  6. For such other relief as this Court deems just and proper in this premises.

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## **EXHIBIT B**

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**ORIGINAL**

6 DISTRICT COURT  
7 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

8 NATHANIEL BANKS, JR., ) Case No.: A09598480C  
Plaintiff, ) Dept. No.: XXIII  
9 vs. )  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, a )  
Governmental Body or Entity; )  
CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER )  
12 PHILIP J. KOHN, Individually and also )  
the AGENCY or OFFICE itself of )  
13 CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER; )  
TIERRA D. JONES, Individually and as a )  
14 Deputy Clark County Public Defender; )  
LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT; )  
15 CLARK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER;) )  
Doe Individuals or Administrators 1-10, )  
16 Roe Entities 1-10, )  
Roe Institutions and Agencies 11-20, )  
17 Defendants. )  
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19 NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT  
20 YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS.

21 READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

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23 TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A civil complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the  
24 relief set forth in the Complaint.

25 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you,  
26 exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:

27 (a) File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response  
28 to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.

1 (b) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown:

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9 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and  
10 failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the  
11 Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the  
12 Complaint.

13 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so  
14 that your response may be filed on time.

15 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board  
16 members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within  
17 which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint.

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21 **APPROPRIATE TIME IF OTHERWISE STATED). READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE.**

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23 CLERK OF THE COURT  
24 By: \_\_\_\_\_ NOV 30 2009  
25 Deputy Clerk Date  
26 Eighth judicial District Court  
27 Regional Justice Center ALYSE HAMILTON  
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